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SUBJ: LIKUD EXECUTIVE CALLS ON GOVERNMENT TO REJECT KISSINGER
SHUTTLE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

LIKUD EXECUTIVE AUGUST 11 CALLED ON GOI "TO REJECT
PRESSURES EXERTED BY KISSINGER TO VISIT THE AREA
IN THE NEAR FUTURE SO THAT THE KNESSET AND THE
NATION WILL NOT BE FACED BY FAITS ACCOMPLIS".
EXECUTIVE STATEMENT CONTINUED, "IN THE COURSE
OF NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING WITHDRAWAL FROM THE
PASSSES AND THE ABU RODEIS OIL FIELDS, THE GOVERNMENT
HAS GONE FROM FAILURE TO FAILURE TO FAILURE, FROM CONCESSION
TO CONCESSION WHICH ENDANGER THE SECURITY OF THE
NATION AND ITS SOLDIERS".

2. IN ITS REGULAR HAARETZ POLITICAL COLUMN
AUGUST 12, LIKUD CHARGED THAT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT,
BY NOT DEMANDING THAT BORDER CHANGES COME ONLY
IN FRAMEWORK OF DIRECTLY NEGOTIATED PEACE TREATIES,
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HAS SQUANDERED CHANCE FOR PEACE. ARTICLE FURTHER
CHARGES THAT GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERMINED ITS CREDIBILITY
BY AGREEING TO FURTHER CONCESSIONS SINCE MARCH,
SO THAT NO ONE TAKES SERIOUSLY ANY MORE ITS DECLARATIONS

RE "FINAL POSITIONS". INSTEAD OF STANDING
FIRM, GOI IS ADVANCING STEP BY STEP TOWARDS SURRENDER
TO "KISSINGER-SADAT DICTATES", ISRAEL, IT HOLDS,
IS ABOUT TO SIGN AGREEMENT WHICH IS WORSE THAN ONE
PROPOSED FIVE MONTHS AGO WHICH GOI ITSELF HAD DEFINED
AT THE TIME AS UNACCEPTABLE AND DANGEROUS
TO ISRAELI SECURITY. COLUMN ENDS WITH CALL FOR GOVERNMENT'S
RESIGNATION.

3. THE FREE CENTER FACTION OF LIKUD LED BY SHMUEL
TAMIN, IN A SEPARATE ACTION THE SAME DAY, CALLED
ON LIKUD "TO DEVELOP A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE WHICH
WOULD BE BASED ON A COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL SOLUTION
EMBODIED IN PEACE TREATIES".

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL.

LIKUD EXECUTIVE DECLARATION IS START OF NEW PHASE
IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST INTERIM AGREEMENT WHICH IS
LIKELY TO INTENSIFY IN DAYS AHEAD. NEXT STEP
PROBABLY WILL BE KNESSET DEBATE. WE HAVE HEARD
SPECULATION THAT SPECIAL SESSION MAY BE CONVENED
AUGUST 18, ALTHOUGH NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET.
IN ANY KNESSET DEBATE, RABIN OBVIOUSLY WILL BE AWARE OF
NEED TO AVOID ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON AGREEMENT TERMS
WHICH GO BEYOND WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SURFACED AND/OR
MIGHT PRECIPITATE OPEN CONFRONTATION WITH SADAT OVER
NEGOTIATING TERMS. THIS WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO REPLAY
OF WHAT HAPPENED IN FEBRUARY, WHEN RABIN COMMITTED
HIMSELF FROM KNESSET PODIUM TO NON-BELLIGERENCY FORMULA.
THIS IS DOUBTLESS ONE OF BEGIN'S MAIN PURPOSES IN CALLING
FOR NEW DEBATE.
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